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Blessing held for Wanini Roving Patrol Unit on Friday

‘Anini – The Kaua‘i Fire Department, the KFD Ocean Safety Bureau, and the Kaua‘i Lifeguard Association held a blessing for the Wanini Roving Patrol Unit at ‘Anini Beach Park on Friday.

“To our brave hearts in the Ocean Safety Bureau, our Fire Department, our public safety officials, we want to thank you for being the guardians of our very special places and to our keiki and kupuna,” said Mayor Derek S. K. Kawakami on Friday, in front of a crowd of about 50 people. “We couldn’t get this done without the generosity of the public and our County Council.”

On Feb. 1, Mayor Kawakami signed Bill 2731, enacting the Kaua‘i Fire Department to create two new ocean safety officer positions, and one part-time ocean safety officer position. These positions will support and improve the level of service needed at ‘Anini Beach Park.

The additional support will ensure that the Wanini Roving Patrol Unit will provide much needed coverage with additional eyes at sea.

According to the Kaua‘i Lifeguard Association, lifeguards with the Ocean Safety Bureau in 2018 conducted 282 rescues, administered first aid 6,280 times, and was responsible for over 157,000 preventive actions.

For up-to-date information about ocean conditions, please speak to a county lifeguard or call the Ocean Safety Bureau at [241-4984](tel:8082414984).





Photo caption: The Kaua'i Fire Department, Ocean Safety Bureau, and the Kaua'i Lifeguard Association held a blessing for the Wanini Roving Patrol Unit at 'Anini Beach Park on Friday.



Photo caption: The roving unit includes two new ocean safety officer positions, and one part-time ocean safety officer position.



Photo Caption: Mayor Derek S. K. Kawakami (middle), accompanied by Ocean Safety Bureau Chief Kalani Vierra (left) and Kaua'i Fire Department Deputy Chief Kilipaki Vaughan (right), addresses a crowd of about 50 people at 'Anini Beach Park on Friday

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